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Indiana Extends Electronic Discount to I-PASS Customers

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Toll Road Oversight Board today passed a resolution affirming Governor Mitch Daniels' recommendation to provide I-Pass customers with a 40 percent discount when using their transponders on the Indiana Toll Road. Currently, 90,000 Hoosiers utilize I-Pass when driving on Illinois' toll ways.

"Thousands of Northwest Indiana residents benefit from electronic toll discounts on Illinois toll roads," Daniels said. "It is right and fair that we reciprocate with a gesture of friendship and neighborliness."

Later this year, the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) will introduce the I-Zoom electronic tolling system on the Indiana Toll Road. Once it is operational, I-Pass customers will enjoy the same 40 percent discount as Indiana's I-Zoom drivers.

Similarly, I-Zoom customers will have the same 50 percent discount as I-Pass drivers when using that highway network.

The discounts apply to passenger cars, pick-up trucks and motorcycles using the electronic transponder system. The Indiana General Assembly passed the discount as part of the legislation authorizing the private operation of the Indiana Toll Road.

In 2006, when the agreement was signed, the Indiana Finance Authority set aside \$250 million of lease proceeds to compensate the ITRCC for the discount provided for the next 10 years. The amount is sufficient to cover the cost of this benefit.

"Offering discounts for electronic tolling is sound public policy," Daniels added. "It encourages adoption of technology and will help ease congestion."

I-Zoom and I-Pass are part of the multi-state E-Z Pass electronic tolling network. E-Z Pass customers will be eligible for the discounts when using their transponders.

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Here is a link to Governor Daniels' recommendation letter:

<http://www.in.gov/dot/pdf/LetterToTollRoadCommission.pdf>

Here is a link to the Toll Road Oversight Board resolution:
<http://www.in.gov/dot/pdf/ITROBResolution.pdf>

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